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CAPTIONS

SUBJECT: WEDNESDAY'S NOON BRIEFING ON MITRIONE AND FLY

MCCLOSKEY: THE SECRETARY AND MRS. ROGERS WILL ATTEND FUNERAL FOR DAN MITRIONE IN RICHMOND, INDIANA, TOMMORROW. FUNERAL HAS BEEN MOVED UP A DAY, FROM FRIDAY. IT WILL BE AT 10 A.M., THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, RICHMOND, INDIANA.

IN ADDITION TO THE SECRETARY AND MRS. ROGERS, JOHN HANNAH, ADMINISTRATOR FOR AID WILL ATEND. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, ALSO CONGRESSMAN DAVID DENNIS, OF THAT DISTRICT IN INDIANA WILL GO OUT WITH THE PARTY FROM HERE. AND THERE MAY ALSO BE ANOTHER MEMBER, POSIBLY TWO, FROM THE CONGRESS. IF THERE IS AND WE HAVE THE NAMES, WE WILL GET THEM TO YOU.

Q: ARE THEY GOING ABOARD SECRETARY'S PLANE?

A: IT WILL BE AIR FORCE PLANE. I DON'T KNOW DECISION WHICH ONE TO USE OR WHICH TYPE TO USE YET.

Q: WHEN WILL THEY LEAVE?

A: WELL, THERE IS NO TIME DIFFERENCE. MY GUESS IS THEY WOULD LEAVE ABOUT EIGHT A.M. FROM ANDREWS TOMORROW. I UNDERSTAND IT IS ABOUT AN ~~HOUR-AND-TWENTY-MINUTES OR AN~~ HOUR-AND-THIRTY-MINUTES FLIGHT.

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Q: RETURN SAME DAY?

A: YES.

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IF I CAN GO ON TO ANOTHER SUBJECT -- AND THIS IS IN CONNECTION WITH DR. FLY, THE AMERICAN STILL HELD BY KIDNAPPERS IN MONTEVIDEO.

MOST RECENT WORD AVAILABLE TO US WAS CONTAINED IN A NOTE LEFT BY THE KIDNAPPERS IN A MONTEVIDEO THEATER LAST NIGHT. IT SAID HE WAS WELL. THERE WAS INCLUDED LETTER FROM DR. FLY TO HIS WIFE. STATEMENT BY THE KIDNAPPERS THAT SENTENCE -- WHICH IS THEIR WORD -- STILL HAS NOT BEEN PASSED ON DR. FLY AND CONSUL OF BRAZIL, WHO IS ALSO DETAINED, IS OBVIOUSLY ENCOURAGING. AND WE WILL HOPE THAT THIS MEANS THAT KIDNAPPERS WILL HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART AND LET THESE MEN GO FREE.

THROUGH EMBASSY IN MONTEVIDEO -- THAT IS, OUR EMBASSY -- IN PERSON OF AMBASSADOR ADAIR, WE ARE IN CLOSEST CONSTANT CONTACT WITH URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT CONTINUING DETENTION OF DR. FLY, AND WE ARE ASSURED THAT EVERY PRACTICAL EFFORT IS BEING FOLLOWED TO AVOID -- FURTHER SENSELESS KILLING AND TO EFFECT HIS RELEASE.

Q: THERE ARE REPORTS THAT USG IS NEGOTIATING DIRECTLY WITH TUPAMAROS ABOUT RELEASE OF DR | FLY.

A: THAT WOULD NOT BE CORRECT.

Q: ONE OF EDITORIALS IN LOCAL PAPERS CITES SOME CONNECTION BETWEEN MR. MITRIONE'S FUNCTION WITH URUGUAYAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND URUGUAYAN SENATE REPORT ON POLICE TORTURE METHODS. HAVE YOU MADE ANY RESPONSE TO THIS?

A: NO. THAT IS FIRST I HAD SEEN OF THAT.

Q: WHAT WAS HIS FUNCTION?

A: WELL, HE WAS EMPLOYED BY AID UNDER WHAT IS CALLED PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION, AND HIS FUNCTION WAS ONE OF ADVISER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES IN MONTEVIDEO. AID HAS NUMBER OF AMERICANS UNDER CONTRACT IN SIMILAR POSITIONS, NOT NOT ONLY IN HEMISPHERE, BUT IN OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Q: CAN YOU GIVE ANY QUOTES FROM DR. FLY'S LETTER TO HIS WIFE, AND, FAILING THAT, CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT HE WROTE TO HIS WIFE?

A: I DON'T HAVE TEXT. I WILL SEE IF IT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. (SUBSEQUENTLY SPOKESMAN MADE TEXT AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED MEDIA.)